

## STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION PO Box 45600 \* Olympia, WA 98504-5600

May 4, 2009

## Dear Tribal Leader:

I would like to invite you or your representative to a meeting with the Washington State Tribes and Area Agencies on Aging. You and your tribal leaders who work with the elders are invited to attend this event on Friday, June 5, 2009, from 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be hosted by Lummi Nation at the Silver Reef Casino in Ferndale, Washington.

The meeting has been planned for Area Agency on Aging directors and Tribal leaders to gather and discuss successes and ways to improve development and implementation of services to Tribal elders. This is an opportunity for Tribal leaders to meet with Area Agency on Aging directors and forge bonds that will ultimately lead to a greater understanding and improved services to Tribal elders.

A draft agenda is enclosed. As you will note, one of the agenda items is information on home care agencies. This is in response to several inquiries from the Tribes as to how to become a licensed homecare agency. I have enclosed information on homecare agency qualifications for your review prior to the meeting.

Lunch will be provided at the meeting, therefore it is requested you RSVP to Deborah Bennett at 360-725-2543 or <a href="mailto:benned@dshs.wa.gov">benned@dshs.wa.gov</a> by May 29. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Kathy Leitch, Assistant Secretary

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